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## Almost slightly semi-continuity, slightly semi-open and slightly semi-closed mappings

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### ABSTRACT

In this paper we discuss new type of continuous functions called almost slightly semi-continuous, slightly semi-open and slightly semi-closed functions; its properties and interrelation with other such functions are studied.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

In 1995 T. M. Nour introduced slightly semi-continuous functions. After him T. Noiri and G. I. Chae further studied slightly semi-continuous functions in 2000. T. Noiri individually studied about slightly  $\beta$ -continuous functions in 2001. C. W. Baker introduced slightly precontinuous functions in 2002. Arse Nagli Uresin and others studied slightly  $\delta$ -continuous functions in 2007. Recently S. Balasubramanian and P.A.S. Vjayanathi studied slightly  $\nu$ -continuous functions in 2011. Inspired with these developments we introduce in this paper almost slightly semi-continuous, slightly semi-open and slightly semi-closed functions and study its basic properties and interrelation with other type of such functions. Throughout the paper  $(X, \tau)$  and  $(Y, \sigma)$  (or simply  $X$  and  $Y$ ) represent topological spaces on which no separation axioms are assumed unless otherwise mentioned.

## 2. PRELIMINARIES

**Definition 2.1:**  $A \subseteq X$  is called  $g$ -closed[ $rg$ -closed] if  $cl A \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$  and  $U$  is open in  $X$ .

**Definition 2.2:** A function  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is said to be

- (i) continuous[resp: nearly-continuous;  $r\alpha$ -continuous;  $\alpha$ -continuous; semi-continuous;  $\beta$ -continuous; pre-continuous] if inverse image of each open set is open[resp: regular-open;  $r\alpha$ -open;  $\alpha$ -open; semi-open;  $\beta$ -open; preopen].
- (ii) almost continuous[resp: almost nearly-continuous; almost  $r\alpha$ -continuous; almost  $\alpha$ -continuous; almost semi-continuous; almost  $\beta$ -continuous; almost pre-continuous] if for each  $x$  in  $X$  and each open set  $(V, f(x))$ ,  $\exists$  an open[resp: regular-open;  $r\alpha$ -open;  $\alpha$ -open; semi-open;  $\beta$ -open; preopen] set  $(U, x)$  such that  $f(U) \subset (cl(V))^o$ .
- (iii) slightly continuous[resp: slightly semi-continuous; slightly pre-continuous; slightly  $\beta$ -continuous; slightly  $\alpha$ -continuous; slightly  $r$ -continuous; slightly  $\nu$ -continuous] at  $x$  in  $X$  if for each clopen subset  $V$  in  $Y$  containing  $f(x)$ ,  $\exists U \in \tau(X)$  [ $\exists U \in SO(X)$ ;  $\exists U \in PO(X)$ ;  $\exists U \in \beta O(X)$ ;  $\exists U \in \alpha O(X)$ ;  $\exists U \in RO(X)$ ;  $\exists U \in \nu O(X)$ ] containing  $x$  such that  $f(U) \subseteq V$ .

**Lemma 2.1:**

- (i) Let  $A$  and  $B$  be subsets of a space  $X$ , if  $A \in \tau(X)$  and  $B \in RO(X)$ , then  $A \cap B \in \tau(B)$ .
- (ii) Let  $A \subseteq B \subseteq X$ , if  $A \in \tau(B)$  and  $B \in RO(X)$ , then  $A \in \tau(X)$ .

**Note 1:**  $RCO(Y, f(x))$  means regular-clopen set in  $Y$  containing  $f(x)$  and  $\tau(X, x)$  means open set in  $X$  containing  $x$ .

### 3. ALMOST SLIGHTLY SEMI-CONTINUOUS FUNCTIONS

**Definition 3.1:** A function  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is said to be almost slightly semi-continuous at  $x$  in  $X$  if for each  $V \in \text{RCO}(Y, f(x))$ ,  $\exists U \in \text{SO}(X, x)$  such that  $f(U) \subseteq V$  and almost slightly semi-continuous if it is almost slightly semi-continuous at each  $x$  in  $X$ .

**Note 2:** Here after we call almost slightly semi-continuous function as al.sl.s.c function shortly.

**Example 3.1:**  $X = Y = \{a, b, c\}$ ;  $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, X\}$  and  $\sigma = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b, c\}, Y\}$ . Let  $f$  be defined as  $f(a) = b$ ;  $f(b) = c$  and  $f(c) = a$ , then  $f$  is al.sl.s.c.

**Example 3.2:**  $X = Y = \{a, b, c\}$ ;  $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b, c\}, X\}$  and  $\sigma = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, Y\}$ . Let  $f$  be defined as  $f(a) = b$ ;  $f(b) = c$  and  $f(c) = a$ , then  $f$  is not al.sl.s.c.

**Theorem 3.1:** The following are equivalent:

- (i)  $f$  is al.sl.s.c.
- (ii)  $f^{-1}(V)$  is semi-open for every  $r$ -clopen set  $V$  in  $Y$ .
- (iii)  $f^{-1}(V)$  is semi-closed for every  $r$ -clopen set  $V$  in  $Y$ .
- (iv)  $f(\text{scl}(A)) \subseteq \text{scl}(f(A))$ .

**Corollary 3.1:** The following are equivalent.

- (i)  $f$  is al.sl.s.c.
- (ii) For each  $x$  in  $X$  and each  $V \in \text{RCO}(Y, f(x)) \exists U \in \text{SO}(X, x)$  such that  $f(U) \subseteq V$ .

**Theorem 3.2:** Let  $\Sigma = \{U_i : i \in I\}$  be any cover of  $X$  by regular open sets in  $X$ . A function  $f$  is al.sl.s.c. iff  $f_{U_i}$  is al.sl.s.c., for each  $i \in I$ .

**Proof:** Let  $i \in I$  be an arbitrarily fixed index and  $U_i \in \text{RO}(X)$ . Let  $x \in U_i$  and  $V \in \text{RCO}(Y, f_{U_i}(x))$ . Since  $f$  is al.sl.s.c,  $\exists U \in \text{SO}(X, x)$  such that  $f(U) \subseteq V$ . Since  $U_i \in \text{RO}(X)$ , by Lemma 2.1  $x \in U \cap U_i \in \text{SO}(U_i)$  and  $(f_{U_i})(U \cap U_i) = f(U \cap U_i) \subseteq V$ . Hence  $f_{U_i}$  is al.sl.s.c. Conversely Let  $x$  in  $X$  and  $V \in \text{RCO}(Y, f(x))$ ,  $\exists i \in I$  such that  $x \in U_i$ . Since  $f_{U_i}$  is al.sl.s.c,  $\exists U \in \text{SO}(U_i, x)$  such that  $f_{U_i}(U) \subseteq V$ . By Lemma 2.1,  $U \in \text{SO}(X)$  and  $f(U) \subseteq V$ . Hence  $f$  is al.sl.s.c.

**Theorem 3.3:** If  $f$  is almost continuous and  $g$  is continuous[al.sl.s.c.], then  $g \circ f$  is al.sl.s.c.

**Theorem 3.4:** If  $f$  is almost continuous, open and  $g$  be any function, then  $g \circ f$  is al.sl.s.c iff  $g$  is al.sl.s.c.

**Proof:** If part: Theorem 3.3

Only if part: Let  $A \in \text{RCO}(Z)$ . Then  $(g \circ f)^{-1}(A) \in \tau(X)$ . Since  $f$  is open,  $f(g \circ f)^{-1}(A) = g^{-1}(A)$  is open in  $Y$ . Thus  $g$  is al.sl.s.c.

**Corollary 3.2:** If  $f$  is  $r$ -irresolute, open and bijective,  $g$  is a function. Then  $g$  is al.sl.s.c. iff  $g \circ f$  is al.sl.s.c.

**Theorem 3.5:** If  $g: X \rightarrow X \times Y$ , defined by  $g(x) = (x, f(x))$  for all  $x$  in  $X$  be the graph function of  $f: X \rightarrow Y$ . Then  $g$  is al.sl.s.c iff  $f$  is al.sl.s.c.

**Proof:** Let  $V \in \text{RCO}(Y)$ , then  $X \times V \in \text{RCO}(X \times Y)$ . Since  $g$  is al.sl.s.c.,  $f^{-1}(V) = f^{-1}(X \times V) \in \text{SO}(X)$ . Thus  $f$  is al.sl.s.c.

Conversely, let  $x$  in  $X$  and  $F \in \text{RCO}(X \times Y, g(x))$ . Then  $F \cap (\{x\} \times Y) \in \text{RCO}(\{x\} \times Y, g(x))$ . Also  $\{x\} \times Y$  is homeomorphic to  $Y$ . Hence  $\{y \in Y : (x, y) \in F\} \in \text{RCO}(Y)$ . Since  $f$  is al.sl.s.c.  $\cup \{f^{-1}(y) : (x, y) \in F\}$  is open in  $X$ . Further  $x \in \cup \{f^{-1}(y) : (x, y) \in F\} \subseteq g^{-1}(F)$ . Hence  $g^{-1}(F)$  is open. Thus  $g$  is al.sl.s.c.

**Theorem 3.6:** (i)  $f: \prod X_\lambda \rightarrow \prod Y_\lambda$  is al.sl.s.c, iff  $f_\lambda: X_\lambda \rightarrow Y_\lambda$  is al.sl.s.c for each  $\lambda \in \Gamma$ .

(ii) If  $f: X \rightarrow \prod Y_\lambda$  is al.sl.s.c, then  $P_\lambda \circ f: X \rightarrow Y_\lambda$  is al.sl.s.c for each  $\lambda \in \Gamma$ , where  $P_\lambda: \prod Y_\lambda$  onto  $Y_\lambda$ .

**Remark 1:** Composition, Algebraic sum, product and the pointwise limit of al.sl.s.c functions is not in general al.sl.s.c. However we can prove the following:

**Theorem 3.7:** The uniform limit of a sequence of al.sl.s.c functions is al.sl.s.c.

**Note 3:** Pasting Lemma is not true for al.sl.s.c functions. However we have the following weaker versions.

**Theorem 3.8:** Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be topological spaces such that  $X = A \cup B$  and let  $f_A$  and  $g_B$  are al.sl.r.c maps such that  $f(x) = g(x)$  for all  $x \in A \cap B$ . If  $A, B \in \text{RO}(X)$  and  $\text{RO}(X)$  is closed under finite unions, then the combination  $\alpha: X \rightarrow Y$  is al.sl.s.c continuous.

**Theorem 3.9: Pasting Lemma** Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be spaces such that  $X = A \cup B$  and let  $f_A$  and  $g_B$  are al.sl.s.c maps such that  $f(x) = g(x)$  for all  $x \in A \cap B$ .  $A, B \in \text{RO}(X)$  and  $\text{SO}(X)$  is closed under finite unions, then the combination  $\alpha: X \rightarrow Y$  is al.sl.s.c.

**Proof:** Let  $F \in \text{RCO}(Y)$ , then  $\alpha^{-1}(F) = f^{-1}(F) \cup g^{-1}(F)$ , where  $f^{-1}(F) \in \text{SO}(A)$  and  $g^{-1}(F) \in \text{SO}(B) \Rightarrow f^{-1}(F); g^{-1}(F) \in \text{SO}(X) \Rightarrow f^{-1}(F) \cup g^{-1}(F) = \alpha^{-1}(F) \in \text{SO}(X)$ . Hence  $\alpha: X \rightarrow Y$  is al.sl.s.c.

**Definition 3.2:** A function  $f$  is said to be almost somewhat semi-continuous if for  $U \in \text{RO}(\sigma)$  and  $f^{-1}(U) \neq \emptyset$ , there exists a non-empty semi-open set  $V$  in  $X$  such that  $V \subset f^{-1}(U)$ .

It is clear that every continuous function is almost somewhat continuous and almost somewhat continuous function is almost somewhat semi-continuous. But the converse is not true.

**Example 3.3:** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b, c\}, X\}$  and  $\sigma = \{\emptyset, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, \{b, c\}, X\}$ . The function  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (X, \sigma)$  defined by  $f(a) = b$ ,  $f(b) = c$  and  $f(c) = a$  is almost somewhat semi-continuous.

**Example 3.4:** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, \{b, c\}, X\}$  and  $\sigma = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b, c\}, X\}$ . The function  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (X, \sigma)$  defined by  $f(a) = b$ ,  $f(b) = c$  and  $f(c) = a$  is not almost somewhat semi-continuous.

**Note 4:** Every almost somewhat semi-continuous function is almost slightly semi-continuous.

**Theorem 3.10:** If  $f$  is almost somewhat semi-continuous and  $g$  is continuous, then  $g \circ f$  is almost somewhat semi-continuous.

**Corollary 3.3:** If  $f$  is almost somewhat semi-continuous and  $g$  is  $r$ -continuous [ $r$ -irresolute], then  $g \circ f$  is almost somewhat semi-continuous.

**Theorem 3.11:** For a surjective function  $f$ , the following statements are equivalent:

- (i)  $f$  is almost somewhat semi-continuous.
  - (ii) If  $C$  is a  $r$ -closed subset of  $Y$  such that  $f^{-1}(C) \neq X$ , then there is a proper semi-closed subset  $D$  of  $X$  such that  $f^{-1}(C) \subset D$ .
  - (iii) If  $M$  is a dense subset of  $X$ , then  $f(M)$  is a dense subset of  $Y$ .
- Proof:** (i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii): For  $C$ ,  $r$ -closed in  $Y$  such that  $f^{-1}(C) \neq X$ ,  $Y-C$  is  $r$ -open in  $Y$  such that  $f^{-1}(Y-C) = X - f^{-1}(C) \neq \emptyset$ . By (i), there exists a semi-open set  $V$  such that  $V \neq \emptyset$  and  $V \subset f^{-1}(Y-C) = X - f^{-1}(C)$ . Thus  $X - V \supset f^{-1}(C)$  and  $X - V = D$  is a proper semi-closed set in  $X$ .
- (ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (i): Let  $U \in RO(\sigma)$  and  $f^{-1}(U) \neq \emptyset$ . Then  $Y-U$  is  $r$ -closed and  $f^{-1}(Y-U) = X - f^{-1}(U) \neq X$ . By (ii), there exists a proper semi-closed set  $D$  such that  $D \supset f^{-1}(Y-U)$ . This implies that  $X-D \subset f^{-1}(U)$  and  $X-D$  is semi-open and  $X-D \neq \emptyset$ .
- (ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (iii): Let  $M$  be dense set in  $X$ . If  $f(M)$  is not dense in  $Y$ . Then there exists a proper  $r$ -closed set  $C$  in  $Y$  such that  $f(M) \subset C \subset Y$ . Clearly  $f^{-1}(C) \neq X$ . By (ii), there exists a proper semi-closed set  $D$  such that  $M \subset f^{-1}(C) \subset D \subset X$ . This is a contradiction to the fact that  $M$  is dense in  $X$ .
- (iii)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii): Suppose (ii) is not true, there exists a  $r$ -closed set  $C$  in  $Y$  such that  $f^{-1}(C) \neq X$  but there is no proper semi-closed set  $D$  in  $X$  such that  $f^{-1}(C) \subset D$ . This means that  $f^{-1}(C)$  is dense in  $X$ . But by (iii),  $f(f^{-1}(C)) = C$  must be dense in  $Y$ , which is a contradiction to the choice of  $C$ .

**Theorem 3.12:** Let  $f$  be a function and  $X = A \cup B$ , where  $A, B \in RO(X)$ . If  $f_A$  and  $f_B$  are almost somewhat semi-continuous, then  $f$  is almost somewhat semi-continuous.

**Proof:** Let  $U \in RO(\sigma)$  such that  $f^{-1}(U) \neq \emptyset$ . Then  $(f_A)^{-1}(U) \neq \emptyset$  or  $(f_B)^{-1}(U) \neq \emptyset$  or both  $(f_A)^{-1}(U) \neq \emptyset$  and  $(f_B)^{-1}(U) \neq \emptyset$ . Suppose  $(f_A)^{-1}(U) \neq \emptyset$ . Since  $f_A$  is almost somewhat semi-continuous, there exists a semi-open set  $V$  in  $A$  such that  $V \neq \emptyset$  and  $V \subset (f_A)^{-1}(U) \subset f^{-1}(U)$ . Since  $V \in SO(A)$  and  $A \in RO(X)$ ,  $V \in SO(X)$ . Thus  $f$  is almost somewhat semi-continuous. The proof of other cases are similar.

**Definition 3.3:** If  $X$  is a set and  $\tau$  and  $\sigma$  are topologies on  $X$ , then  $\tau$  is said to be semi-equivalent to  $\sigma$  provided if  $U \in SO(\tau)$  and  $U \neq \emptyset$ , there is an semi-open set  $V$  in  $X$  such that  $V \neq \emptyset$  and  $V \subset U$  and if  $U \in SO(\sigma)$  and  $U \neq \emptyset$ , there is an semi-open set  $V$  in  $(X, \tau)$  such that  $V \neq \emptyset$  and  $U \subset V$ .

**Definition 3.4:**  $A \subset X$  is said to be dense in  $X$  if there is no proper closed set  $C$  in  $X$  such that  $M \subset C \subset X$ .

Now, consider the identity function  $f$  and assume that  $\tau$  and  $\sigma$  are equivalent. Then  $f$  and  $f^{-1}$  are almost somewhat continuous. Conversely, if the identity function  $f$  is almost somewhat continuous in both directions, then  $\tau$  and  $\sigma$  are equivalent.

**Theorem 3.13:** Let  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  be a almost somewhat semi-continuous surjection and  $\tau^*$  be a topology for  $X$ , which is semi-equivalent to  $\tau$ . Then  $f: (X, \tau^*) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is almost somewhat semi-continuous.

**Proof:** Let  $V \in RO(\sigma) \ni f^{-1}(V) \neq \emptyset$ . Since  $f$  is almost somewhat semi-continuous,  $\exists$  a nonempty  $U \in SO(X, \tau) \ni U \subset f^{-1}(V)$ . For  $\tau^*$  is semi-equivalent to  $\tau$ ,  $\exists U^* \in SO(X; \tau^*) \ni U^* \subset U$ . But  $U \subset f^{-1}(V)$ . Then  $U^* \subset f^{-1}(V)$ ; hence  $f: (X, \tau^*) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is almost somewhat semi-continuous.

**Theorem 3.14:** Let  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  be a almost somewhat semi-continuous surjection and  $\sigma^*$  be a topology for  $Y$ , which is semi-equivalent to  $\sigma$ . Then  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma^*)$  is almost somewhat semi-continuous.

**Proof:** Let  $V^* \in RO(\sigma^*) \ni f^{-1}(V^*) \neq \emptyset$ . Since  $\sigma^*$  is semi-equivalent to  $\sigma$ ,  $\exists V \neq \emptyset \in SO(Y, \sigma) \ni V \subset V^*$ . Now  $\emptyset \neq f^{-1}(V) \subset f^{-1}(V^*)$ . Since  $f$  is almost somewhat semi-continuous,  $\exists U \neq \emptyset \in SO(X, \tau) \ni U \subset f^{-1}(V)$ . Then  $U \subset f^{-1}(V^*)$ ; hence  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma^*)$  is almost somewhat semi-continuous.

## 4. SLIGHTLY SEMI-OPEN MAPPINGS, ALMOST SLIGHTLY SEMI-OPEN MAPPINGS AND ALMOST SOMEWHAT OPEN FUNCTION

**Definition 4.1:** A function  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is said to be

- (i) slightly semi-open if image of every clopen set in  $X$  is semi-open in  $Y$
- (ii) almost slightly semi-open if image of every regular-clopen set in  $X$  is semi-open in  $Y$

**Note 5:**

slightly-open map  $\rightarrow$  slightly semi-open.



almost slightly-open map  $\rightarrow$  almost slightly semi-open.

**Example 4.1:** Let  $X = Y = \{a, b, c\}$ ;  $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{a, b\}, X\}$ ;  $\sigma = \{\emptyset, \{a, c\}, Y\}$ . Let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  be defined  $f(a) = c$ ,  $f(b) = b$  and  $f(c) = a$ . Then  $f$  is slightly open, slightly semi-open, slightly  $r$ -open, almost slightly open, almost slightly semi-open and almost slightly  $r$ -open.

**Example 4.2:** Let  $X = Y = \{a, b, c\}$ ;  $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b, c\}, X\}$ ;  $\sigma = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, Y\}$ . Let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  be defined  $f(a) = c$ ,  $f(b) = a$  and  $f(c) = b$ . Then  $f$  is not slightly open, slightly semi-open, slightly  $r$ -open, almost slightly open, almost slightly semi-open and almost slightly  $r$ -open.

**Note 6:**

- (i) If  $R\alpha O(Y) = SO(Y)$ , then  $f$  is [almost-]slightly  $\alpha$ -open iff  $f$  is [almost-]slightly semi-open.
- (ii) If  $SO(Y) = RO(Y)$ , then  $f$  is [almost-]slightly  $r$ -open iff  $f$  is [almost-]slightly semi-open.
- (iii) If  $SO(Y) = \alpha O(Y)$ , then  $f$  is [almost-]slightly  $\alpha$ -open iff  $f$  is [almost-]slightly semi-open.

**Theorem 4.1:** (i) If  $f$  is [almost-]slightly open and  $g$  is semi-open[ $r$ -open] then  $g \circ f$  is slightly semi-open  
(ii) If  $f$  is [almost-]slightly semi-open and  $g$  is M-semi-open[M- $r$ -open] then  $g \circ f$  is slightly semi-open

**Proof:** Let  $A$  be clopen[regular clopen] set in  $X \Rightarrow f(A)$  is open in  $Y \Rightarrow g(f(A)) = g \circ f(A)$  is semi-open in  $Z$ . Hence  $g \circ f$  is [almost-]slightly semi-open.

**Theorem 4.2:** If  $f$  and  $g$  are  $r$ -open then  $g \circ f$  is [almost-]slightly semi-open

**Proof:** Let  $A$  be clopen[ $r$ -clopen] set in  $X \Rightarrow f(A)$  is  $r$ -open and so open in  $Y \Rightarrow g(f(A))$  is  $r$ -open in  $Z \Rightarrow g(f(A)) = g \circ f(A)$  is open in  $Z$ . Hence  $g \circ f$  is [almost-]slightly semi-open.

**Theorem 4.3:** If  $f$  is almost slightly- $r$ -open and  $g$  is [almost-]semi-open then  $g \circ f$  is [almost-]slightly semi-open

**Corollary 4.1:**

- (i) If  $f$  is almost slightly-open and  $g$  is open[ $r$ -open] then  $g \circ f$  is [almost-]slightly semi-open.
- (ii) If  $f$  is almost slightly- $r$ -open and  $g$  is [almost-]semi-open then  $g \circ f$  is [almost-]slightly semi-open.
- (iii) If  $f$  and  $g$  are almost slightly- $r$ -open then  $g \circ f$  is [almost-]slightly semi-open.

**Theorem 4.4:** If  $f$  is [almost-]slightly semi-open, then  $f(A^\circ) \subset s(f(A))^\circ$

**Proof:** Let  $A \subset X$  and  $f$  is slightly semi-open gives  $f(A^\circ)$  is semi-open in  $Y$  and  $f(A^\circ) \subset f(A)$  which in turn gives  $f(A^\circ)^\circ \subset s(f(A))^\circ$  -  
----- (1)

Since  $f(A^\circ)$  is semi-open in  $Y$ ,  $s(f(A^\circ))^\circ = f(A^\circ)$  - - - - - (2)

From (1) and (2) we have  $f(A^\circ) \subset s(f(A))^\circ$  for every subset  $A$  of  $X$ .

**Remark 2:** converse is not true in general.

**Theorem 4.5:** If  $f$  is slightly semi-open and  $A \subset X$  is  $r$ -open, then  $f(A)$  is  $\tau_s$ -open in  $Y$ .

**Proof:** Let  $A \subset X$  and  $f$  is slightly semi-open implies  $f(A^\circ) \subset s(f(A))^\circ$  which in turn implies  $s(f(A))^\circ \subset f(A)$ , since  $f(A) = f(A^\circ)$ . But  $f(A) \subset s(f(A))^\circ$ . Combining we get  $f(A) = s(f(A))^\circ$ . Hence  $f(A)$  is  $\tau_s$ -open in  $Y$ .

**Corollary 4.2:** (i) If  $f$  is [almost-]slightly  $r$ -open, then  $f(A^\circ) \subset s(f(A))^\circ$

- (ii) If  $f$  is [almost-]slightly  $r$ -open, then  $f(A)$  is  $\tau_s$ -open in  $Y$  if  $A$  is  $r$ -open set in  $X$ .
- (iii) If  $f$  is almost slightly semi-open and  $A \subset X$  is  $r$ -open, then  $f(A)$  is  $\tau_s$ -open in  $Y$ .

**Theorem 4.6:** If  $s(A)^\circ = r(A^\circ)$  for every  $A \subset Y$ , then the following are equivalent:

- (i)  $f$  is [almost-]slightly semi-open map
- (ii)  $f(A^\circ) \subset s(f(A))^\circ$

**Proof:** (i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii) follows from theorem 4.4

(ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (i) Let  $A$  be any  $r$ -open set in  $X$ , then  $f(A) = s(f(A))^\circ \supset f(A^\circ)$  by hypothesis. We have  $f(A) \subset s(f(A))^\circ$ . Combining we get  $f(A) = s(A)^\circ = r(A^\circ)$ [by given condition] which implies  $f(A)$  is  $r$ -open and hence open. Thus  $f$  is slightly semi-open.

**Theorem 4.7:**  $f$  is [almost-]slightly semi-open iff for each subset  $S$  of  $Y$  and each  $r$ -clopen set  $U$  containing  $f^{-1}(S)$ , there is a semi-open set  $V$  of  $Y$  such that  $S \subset V$  and  $f^{-1}(V) \subset U$ .

**Remark 3:** composition of two [almost-]slightly semi-open maps is not [almost-]slightly semi-open in general

**Theorem 4.8:** Let  $X, Y, Z$  be topological spaces and every open set is  $r$ -clopen in  $Y$ , then the composition of two [almost-]slightly semi-open maps is [almost-]slightly semi-open.

**Proof:** Let  $A$  be  $r$ -clopen in  $X \Rightarrow f(A)$  is open and so  $r$ -clopen in  $Y$ [by assumption]  $\Rightarrow g(f(A)) = g \circ f(A)$  is open in  $Z$ . Hence  $g \circ f$  is almost slightly semi-open.

**Theorem 4.9:** If  $f$  is [almost-]slightly  $g$ -open;  $g$  is open[ $r$ -open] and  $Y$  is  $T_{\frac{1}{2}}[r-T_{\frac{1}{2}}]$ , then  $g \circ f$  is [almost-]slightly semi-open.

**Proof:**(i) Let  $A$  be regular clopen in  $X \Rightarrow A$  be clopen in  $X \Rightarrow f(A)$  is  $g$ -open and open in  $Y$ [since  $Y$  is  $T_{\frac{1}{2}} \Rightarrow g(f(A)) = g \circ f(A)$  is open in  $Z$ . Hence  $g \circ f$  is [almost-]slightly semi-open.

**Corollary 4.3:** (i) If  $f$  is [almost-]slightly  $g$ -open;  $g$  is open[ $r$ -open] and  $Y$  is  $T_{\frac{1}{2}}[r-T_{\frac{1}{2}}]$  then  $g \circ f$  is [almost-]slightly semi-open.

(ii) If  $f$  is [almost-]slightly  $g$ -open;  $g$  is [almost-]semi-open[almost- $r$ -open] and  $Y$  is  $T_{\frac{1}{2}}[r-T_{\frac{1}{2}}]$  then  $g \circ f$  is [almost-]slightly semi-open.

**Theorem 4.10:** If  $f$  is [almost-]slightly  $rg$ -open;  $g$  is open[ $r$ -open] and  $Y$  is  $r-T_{\frac{1}{2}}$ , then  $g \circ f$  is [almost-]slightly semi-open.

**Proof:** Let  $A$  be  $r$ -clopen in  $X \Rightarrow A$  be clopen in  $X \Rightarrow f(A)$  is  $rg$ -open and  $r$ -open in  $Y$ [since  $Y$  is  $r-T_{\frac{1}{2}} \Rightarrow g(f(A)) = g \circ f(A)$  is open in  $Z$ . Hence  $g \circ f$  is almost slightly semi-open.

**Theorem 4.11:** If  $f$  is [almost-]slightly  $rg$ -open;  $g$  is [almost-]semi-open[[almost-] $r$ -open] and  $Y$  is  $r-T_{\frac{1}{2}}$ , then  $g \circ f$  is [almost-]slightly semi-open.

**Proof:** Let  $A$  be  $r$ -clopen in  $X \Rightarrow A$  be clopen in  $X \Rightarrow f(A)$  is  $rg$ -open in  $Y \Rightarrow f(A)$  is  $r$ -open in  $Y$ [since  $Y$  is  $r-T_{\frac{1}{2}} \Rightarrow g(f(A)) = g \circ f(A)$  is open in  $Z$ . Hence  $g \circ f$  is almost slightly semi-open.

**Corollary 4.4:** (i) If  $f$  is [almost-]slightly  $rg$ -open;  $g$  is open[ $r$ -open] and  $Y$  is  $r-T_{\frac{1}{2}}$ , then  $g \circ f$  is [almost-]slightly semi-open.

(ii) If  $f$  is [almost-]slightly  $rg$ -open;  $g$  is [almost-]semi-open[[almost-] $r$ -open] and  $Y$  is  $r-T_{\frac{1}{2}}$ , then  $g \circ f$  is [almost-]slightly semi-open.

**Theorem 4.12:** If  $f, g$  be two mappings such that  $g \circ f$  is [almost-]slightly semi-open[[almost-] slightly  $r$ -open]. Then the following are true

- (i) If  $f$  is continuous[ $r$ -continuous] and surjective, then  $g$  is [almost-]slightly semi-open
- (ii) If  $f$  is  $g$ -continuous, surjective and  $X$  is  $T_{\frac{1}{2}}$ , then  $g$  is [almost-]slightly semi-open
- (iii) If  $f$  is  $rg$ -continuous, surjective and  $X$  is  $r-T_{\frac{1}{2}}$ , then  $g$  is [almost-]slightly semi-open

**Proof:** Let  $A$  be regular clopen in  $Y \Rightarrow A$  be clopen in  $Y \Rightarrow f^{-1}(A)$  is open in  $X \Rightarrow g \circ f(f^{-1}(A)) = g(A)$  is open in  $Z$ . Hence  $g$  is almost slightly semi-open.

Similarly we can prove the remaining parts and so omitted.

**Corollary 4.5:** If  $f, g$  be two mappings such that  $g \circ f$  is [almost]-slightly semi-open[[almost]-slightly  $r$ -open]. Then the following are true

- (i) If  $f$  is continuous[ $r$ -continuous] and surjective, then  $g$  is [almost]-slightly semi-open.
- (ii) If  $f$  is  $g$ -continuous, surjective and  $X$  is  $T_{1/2}$ , then  $g$  is [almost]-slightly semi-open.
- (iii) If  $f$  is  $rg$ -continuous, surjective and  $X$  is  $rT_{1/2}$ , then  $g$  is [almost]-slightly semi-open.

**Theorem 4.13:** If  $X$  is regular,  $f$  is  $r$ -open, nearly-continuous, open surjection and  $\bar{A} = A$  for every open[ $r$ -open] set in  $Y$ , then  $Y$  is regular.

**Theorem 4.14:** If  $f$  is [almost]-slightly semi-open and  $A$  is  $r$ -clopen[clopen] set of  $X$ , then  $f_A$  is [almost]-slightly semi-open.

**Proof:** Let  $F$  be  $r$ -open set in  $A$ . Then  $F = A \cap E$  is  $r$ -open in  $X$  for some  $r$ -open set  $E$  of  $X$  which implies  $f(A)$  is open in  $Y$ . But  $f(F) = f_A(F)$ . Therefore  $f_A$  is [almost]-slightly semi-open.

**Theorem 4.15:** If  $f$  is [almost]-slightly semi-open,  $X$  is  $T_{1/2}$  and  $A$  is  $g$ -open set of  $X$ , then  $f_A$  is [almost]-slightly semi-open.

**Corollary 4.6:** If  $f$  is [almost]-slightly open,  $X$  is  $T_{1/2}$  and  $A$  is  $g$ -open set of  $X$ , then  $f_A$  is [almost]-slightly semi-open.

**Theorem 4.16:** If  $f_i: X_i \rightarrow Y_i$  be [almost]-slightly semi-open for  $i = 1, 2$ . Let  $f: X_1 \times X_2 \rightarrow Y_1 \times Y_2$  be defined as  $f(x_1, x_2) = (f_1(x_1), f_2(x_2))$ . Then  $f: X_1 \times X_2 \rightarrow Y_1 \times Y_2$  is [almost]-slightly semi-open.

**Proof:** Let  $U_1 \times U_2 \subset X_1 \times X_2$  where  $U_i$  is  $r$ -clopen in  $X_i$  for  $i = 1, 2$ . Then  $f(U_1 \times U_2) = f_1(U_1) \times f_2(U_2)$  a open set in  $Y_1 \times Y_2$ . Thus  $f(U_1 \times U_2)$  is open and hence  $f$  is [almost]-slightly semi-open.

**Corollary 4.7:** If  $f_i: X_i \rightarrow Y_i$  be [almost]-slightly open for  $i = 1, 2$ . Let  $f: X_1 \times X_2 \rightarrow Y_1 \times Y_2$  be defined as  $f(x_1, x_2) = (f_1(x_1), f_2(x_2))$ . Then  $f: X_1 \times X_2 \rightarrow Y_1 \times Y_2$  is [almost]-slightly semi-open.

**Theorem 4.17:** Let  $h: X \rightarrow X_1 \times X_2$  be [almost]-slightly semi-open. Let  $f_i: X \rightarrow X_i$  be defined as  $h(x) = (x_1, x_2)$  and  $f_i(x) = x_i$ . Then  $f_i: X \rightarrow X_i$  is [almost]-slightly semi-open for  $i = 1, 2$ .

**Proof:** Let  $U_1$  be  $r$ -clopen in  $X_1$ , then  $U_1 \times X_2$  is  $r$ -clopen in  $X_1 \times X_2$ , and  $h(U_1 \times X_2)$  is open in  $X$ . But  $f_1(U_1) = h(U_1 \times X_2)$ , therefore  $f_1$  is [almost]-slightly semi-open. Similarly we can show that  $f_2$  is [almost]-slightly semi-open and thus  $f_i: X \rightarrow X_i$  is [almost]-slightly semi-open for  $i = 1, 2$ .

**Corollary 4.8:** Let  $h: X \rightarrow X_1 \times X_2$  be [almost]-slightly open. Let  $f_i: X \rightarrow X_i$  be defined as  $h(x) = (x_1, x_2)$  and  $f_i(x) = x_i$ . Then  $f_i: X \rightarrow X_i$  is [almost]-slightly semi-open for  $i = 1, 2$ .

**Definition 4.2:** A function  $f$  is said to be almost somewhat semi-open provided that if  $U \in RO(\tau)$  and  $U \neq \emptyset$ , then there exists a non-empty semi-open set  $V$  in  $Y$  such that  $V \subset f(U)$ .

**Example 4.3:** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, X\}$  and  $\sigma = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b, c\}, X\}$ . The function  $f$  defined by  $f(a) = a$ ,  $f(b) = c$  and  $f(c) = b$  is almost somewhat open and almost somewhat semi-open.

**Example 4.4:** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b, c\}, X\}$  and  $\sigma = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, X\}$ . The function  $f$  defined by  $f(a) = c$ ,  $f(b) = a$  and  $f(c) = b$  is not almost somewhat semi-open.

**Theorem 4.18:** Let  $f$  be an  $r$ -open function and  $g$  almost somewhat semi-open. Then  $g \circ f$  is almost somewhat semi-open.

**Theorem 4.19:** For a bijective function  $f$ , the following are equivalent:

- (i)  $f$  is almost somewhat semi-open.

- (ii) If  $C$  is an  $r$ -closed subset of  $X$ , such that  $f(C) \neq Y$ , then there is a semi-closed subset  $D$  of  $Y$  such that  $D \neq Y$  and  $D \supset f(C)$ .

**Proof:** (i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii): Let  $C$  be any  $r$ -closed subset of  $X$  such that  $f(C) \neq Y$ . Then  $X-C$  is  $r$ -open in  $X$  and  $X-C \neq \emptyset$ . Since  $f$  is almost somewhat semi-open, there exists a semi-open set  $V \neq \emptyset$  in  $Y$  such that  $V \subset f(X-C)$ . Put  $D = Y-V$ . Clearly  $D$  is semi-closed in  $Y$  and we claim  $D \neq Y$ . If  $D = Y$ , then  $V = \emptyset$ , which is a contradiction. Since  $V \subset f(X-C)$ ,  $D = Y-V \supset (Y-f(X-C)) = f(C)$ .

(ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (i): For  $U \neq \emptyset$  an  $r$ -open in  $X$ ,  $C = X-U$  is  $r$ -closed in  $X$  and  $f(X-U) = f(C) = Y-f(U)$  implies  $f(C) \neq Y$ . Therefore, by (ii), there is a semi-closed set  $D$  of  $Y$  such that  $D \neq Y$  and  $f(C) \subset D$ . Clearly  $V = Y-D$  is a semi-open set and  $V \neq \emptyset$ . Also,  $V = Y-D \subset Y-f(C) = Y-f(X-U) = f(U)$ .

**Theorem 4.20:** The following statements are equivalent:

- (i)  $f$  is almost somewhat semi-open.

- (ii) If  $A$  is a dense subset of  $Y$ , then  $f^{-1}(A)$  is a dense subset of  $X$ .

**Proof:** (i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii): If  $A$  is dense set in  $Y$ . If  $f^{-1}(A)$  is not dense in  $X$ , then there exists a  $r$ -closed set  $B$  in  $X$  such that  $f^{-1}(A) \subset B \subset X$ . Since  $f$  is almost somewhat semi-open and  $X-B$  is open, there exists a nonempty semi-open set  $C$  in  $Y$  such that  $C \subset f(X-B)$ . Therefore,  $C \subset f(X-B) \subset f(f^{-1}(Y-A)) \subset Y-A$ . That is,  $A \subset Y-C \subset Y$ . Now,  $Y-C$  is a semi-closed set and  $A \subset Y-C \subset Y$ . This implies that  $A$  is not a dense set in  $Y$ , which is a contradiction. Therefore,  $f^{-1}(A)$  is a dense set in  $X$ .

(ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (i): If  $A \neq \emptyset$  is an  $r$ -open set in  $X$ . We want to show that  $(f(A))^o \neq \emptyset$ . Suppose  $(f(A))^o = \emptyset$ . Then,  $cl(f(A)) = Y$ . By (ii),  $f^{-1}(Y-f(A))$  is dense in  $X$ . But  $f^{-1}(Y-f(A)) \subset X-A$ . Now,  $X-A$  is  $r$ -closed. Therefore,  $f^{-1}(Y-f(A)) \subset X-A$  gives  $X = cl(f^{-1}(Y-f(A))) \subset X-A$ . This implies that  $A = \emptyset$ , which is contrary to  $A \neq \emptyset$ . Therefore,  $(f(A))^o \neq \emptyset$ . Hence  $f$  is almost somewhat semi-open.

**Theorem 4.21:** Let  $f$  be almost somewhat semi-open and  $A$  be any  $r$ -open subset of  $X$ . Then  $f_A: (A; \tau_A) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is almost somewhat semi-open.

**Proof:** Let  $U \in RO(\tau_A)$  such that  $U \neq \emptyset$ . Since  $U \in RO(\tau_A)$ ;  $A \in RO(X)$ ;  $U \in RO(X)$  and  $f$  is almost somewhat semi-open,  $\exists V \in SO(Y)$ , such that  $V \subset f(U)$ . Thus  $f_A$  is almost somewhat semi-open.



**Theorem 4.22:** Let  $f$  be a function and  $X = A \cup B$ , where  $A, B \in \tau(X)$ . If the restriction functions  $f_A$  and  $f_B$  are almost somewhat semi-open, then  $f$  is almost somewhat semi-open.

**Proof:** Let  $U$  be any  $r$ -open subset of  $X$  such that  $U \neq \emptyset$ . Since  $X = A \cup B$ , either  $A \cap U \neq \emptyset$  or  $B \cap U \neq \emptyset$  or both  $A \cap U \neq \emptyset$  and  $B \cap U \neq \emptyset$ . Since  $U$  is open in  $X$ ,  $U$  is open in both  $A$  and  $B$ .

Case (i): If  $A \cap U \neq \emptyset$ , where  $U \cap A \in RO(\tau_A)$ . Since  $f_A$  is almost somewhat semi-open,  $\exists V \in SO(Y)$  such that  $V \subset f(U \cap A) \subset f(U)$ , which implies that  $f$  is almost somewhat semi-open.

Case (ii): If  $B \cap U \neq \emptyset$ , where  $U \cap B \in RO(\tau_B)$ . Since  $f_B$  is almost somewhat semi-open,  $\exists V \in SO(Y)$  such that  $V \subset f(U \cap B) \subset f(U)$ , which implies that  $f$  is almost somewhat semi-open.

Case (iii): If both  $A \cap U \neq \emptyset$  and  $B \cap U \neq \emptyset$ . Then by cases (i) and (ii)  $f$  is almost somewhat semi-open.

**Remark 4:** Two topologies  $\tau$  and  $\sigma$  for  $X$  are said to be semi-equivalent if and only if the identity function  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is almost somewhat semi-open in both directions.

**Theorem 4.23:** Let  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  be a almost somewhat almost semi-open function. Let  $\tau^*$  and  $\sigma^*$  be topologies for  $X$  and  $Y$ , respectively such that  $\tau^*$  is semi-equivalent to  $\tau$  and  $\sigma^*$  is semi-equivalent to  $\sigma$ . Then  $f: (X; \tau^*) \rightarrow (Y; \sigma^*)$  is almost somewhat semi-open.

## 5. SLIGHTLY SEMI-CLOSED MAPPINGS AND ALMOST SLIGHTLY SEMI-CLOSED MAPPINGS

**Definition 5.1:** A function  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is said to be

- (i) slightly semi-closed if image of every clopen set in  $X$  is semi-closed in  $Y$
- (ii) almost slightly semi-closed if image of every regular-clopen set in  $X$  is semi-closed in  $Y$

**Note 7:**

slightly-closed map  $\rightarrow$  slightly semi-closed.

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almost slightly-closed map  $\rightarrow$  almost slightly semi-closed.

**Example 5.1:** Let  $X = Y = \{a, b, c\}$ ;  $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{a, b\}, X\}$ ;  $\sigma = \{\emptyset, \{a, c\}, Y\}$ . Let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  be defined  $f(a) = c$ ,  $f(b) = b$  and  $f(c) = a$ . Then  $f$  is slightly closed, slightly semi-closed, slightly  $r$ -closed, almost slightly closed, almost slightly semi-closed and almost slightly  $r$ -closed.

**Example 5.2:** Let  $X = Y = \{a, b, c\}$ ;  $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b, c\}, X\}$ ;  $\sigma = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, Y\}$ . Let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  be defined  $f(a) = c$ ,  $f(b) = a$  and  $f(c) = b$ . Then  $f$  is not slightly closed, slightly semi-closed, slightly  $r$ -closed, almost slightly closed, almost slightly semi-closed and almost slightly  $r$ -closed.

**Note 8:**

- (i) If  $R\alpha C(Y) = SC(Y)$ , then  $f$  is [almost-]slightly  $r\alpha$ -closed iff  $f$  is [almost-]slightly semi-closed.
- (ii) If  $SC(Y) = RC(Y)$ , then  $f$  is [almost-]slightly- $r$ -closed iff  $f$  is [almost-]slightly semi-closed.
- (iii) If  $SC(Y) = \alpha C(Y)$ , then  $f$  is [almost-]slightly  $\alpha$ -closed iff  $f$  is [almost-]slightly semi-closed.

**Theorem 5.1:** (i) If  $f$  is [almost-]slightly closed and  $g$  is semi-closed [ $r$ -closed] then  $g \circ f$  is slightly semi-closed

(ii) If  $f$  is [almost-]slightly semi-closed and  $g$  is  $M$ -semi-closed [ $M$ - $r$ -closed] then  $g \circ f$  is slightly semi-closed

**Proof:** Let  $A$  be clopen [regular clopen] set in  $X \Rightarrow f(A)$  is closed in  $Y \Rightarrow g(f(A)) = g \circ f(A)$  is semi-closed in  $Z$ . Hence  $g \circ f$  is [almost-]slightly semi-closed.

**Theorem 5.2:** If  $f$  and  $g$  are  $r$ -closed then  $g \circ f$  is [almost-]slightly semi-closed

**Proof:** Let  $A$  be clopen [ $r$ -clopen] set in  $X \Rightarrow f(A)$  is  $r$ -closed and so closed in  $Y \Rightarrow g(f(A))$  is  $r$ -closed in  $Z \Rightarrow g(f(A)) = g \circ f(A)$  is closed in  $Z$ . Hence  $g \circ f$  is [almost-]slightly semi-closed.

**Theorem 5.3:** If  $f$  is almost slightly- $r$ -closed and  $g$  is [almost-]semi-closed then  $g \circ f$  is [almost-]slightly semi-closed

**Corollary 5.1:**

- (i) If  $f$  is almost slightly-closed and  $g$  is closed [ $r$ -closed] then  $g \circ f$  is [almost-]slightly semi-closed.
- (ii) If  $f$  and  $g$  are almost slightly- $r$ -closed then  $g \circ f$  is [almost-]slightly semi-closed.
- (iii) If  $f$  is almost slightly- $r$ -closed and  $g$  is [almost-]semi-closed then  $g \circ f$  is [almost-]slightly semi-closed.

**Theorem 5.4:** If  $f$  is [almost-]slightly semi-closed, then  $scl(f(A)) \subset f(cl(A))$

**Proof:** Let  $A \subset X$  and  $f$  is slightly semi-closed gives  $f(cl(A))$  is semi-closed in  $Y$  and  $f(A) \subset f(cl(A))$  which in turn gives  $scl(f(A)) \subset scl(f(cl(A)))$  - - - - - (1)

Since  $f(cl(A))$  is semi-closed in  $Y$ ,  $scl(f(cl(A))) = f(cl(A))$  - - - - - (2)

From (1) and (2) we have  $(scl(f(A))) \subset (f(cl(A)))$  for every subset  $A$  of  $X$ .

**Remark 5:** converse is not true in general.

**Theorem 5.5:** If  $f$  is slightly semi-closed and  $A \subset X$  is  $r$ -closed, then  $f(A)$  is  $\tau_s$ -closed in  $Y$ .

**Proof:** Let  $A \subset X$  and  $f$  is slightly semi-closed implies  $(scl(f(A))) \subset f(cl(A))$  which in turn implies  $(scl(f(A))) \subset f(A)$ , since  $f(A) = f(cl(A))$ . But  $f(A) \subset (scl(f(A)))$ . Combining we get  $f(A) = (scl(f(A)))$ . Hence  $f(A)$  is  $\tau_s$ -closed in  $Y$ .

**Corollary 5.2:** (i) If  $f$  is [almost-]slightly  $r$ -closed, then  $scl(f(A)) \subset f(cl(A))$

(ii) If  $f$  is [almost-]slightly  $r$ -closed, then  $f(A)$  is closed in  $Y$  if  $A$  is  $r$ -closed set in  $X$ .

(iii) If  $f$  is almost slightly semi-closed and  $A \subset X$  is  $r$ -closed, then  $f(A)$  is  $\tau_s$ -closed in  $Y$ .

**Theorem 5.6:** If  $(scl(A)) = r(cl(A))$  for every  $A \subset Y$ , then the following are equivalent:

- (i)  $f$  is [almost-]slightly semi-closed map

(ii)  $\text{scl}(f(A)) \subset f(\text{cl}(A))$

**Proof:** (i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii) follows from theorem 5.4

(ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (i) Let  $A$  be any  $r$ -closed set in  $X$ , then  $f(A) = f(\text{cl}(A)) \supset (\text{scl}(f(A)))$  by hypothesis. We have  $f(A) \subset (\text{scl}(f(A)))$ . Combining we get  $f(A) = (\text{scl}(f(A))) = r(\text{cl}(f(A)))$  [by given condition] which implies  $f(A)$  is  $r$ -closed and hence closed. Thus  $f$  is slightly semi-closed.

**Theorem 5.7:**  $f$  is [almost-]slightly semi-closed iff for each subset  $S$  of  $Y$  and each  $r$ -clopen set  $U$  containing  $f^{-1}(S)$ , there is a semi-closed set  $V$  of  $Y$  such that  $S \subset V$  and  $f^{-1}(V) \subset U$ .

**Remark 6:** composition of two [almost-]slightly semi-closed maps is not [almost-]slightly semi-closed in general

**Theorem 5.8:** Let  $X, Y, Z$  be topological spaces and every closed set is  $r$ -clopen in  $Y$ , then the composition of two [almost-]slightly semi-closed maps is [almost-]slightly semi-closed.

**Proof:** Let  $A$  be  $r$ -clopen in  $X \Rightarrow f(A)$  is closed and so  $r$ -clopen in  $Y$  [by assumption]  $\Rightarrow g(f(A)) = g^*f(A)$  is closed in  $Z$ . Hence  $g^*f$  is almost slightly semi-closed.

**Theorem 5.9:** If  $f$  is [almost-]slightly  $g$ -closed;  $g$  is closed [ $r$ -closed] and  $Y$  is  $T_{1/2}[r-T_{1/2}]$ , then  $g^*f$  is [almost-]slightly semi-closed.

**Proof:** (i) Let  $A$  be  $r$ -clopen in  $X \Rightarrow A$  be clopen in  $X \Rightarrow f(A)$  is  $g$ -closed in  $Y \Rightarrow f(A)$  is closed in  $Y$  [since  $Y$  is  $T_{1/2}$ ]  $\Rightarrow g(f(A)) = g^*f(A)$  is closed in  $Z$ . Hence  $g^*f$  is [almost-]slightly semi-closed.

**Corollary 5.3:** (i) If  $f$  is [almost-]slightly  $g$ -closed;  $g$  is closed [ $r$ -closed] and  $Y$  is  $T_{1/2}[r-T_{1/2}]$  then  $g^*f$  is [almost-]slightly semi-closed.

(ii) If  $f$  is [almost-]slightly  $g$ -closed;  $g$  is [almost-]semi-closed [[almost-] $r$ -closed] and  $Y$  is  $T_{1/2}[r-T_{1/2}]$  then  $g^*f$  is [almost-]slightly semi-closed.

**Theorem 5.10:** If  $f$  is [almost-]slightly  $rg$ -closed;  $g$  is closed [ $r$ -closed] and  $Y$  is  $r-T_{1/2}$ , then  $g^*f$  is [almost-]slightly semi-closed.

**Proof:** Let  $A$  be  $r$ -clopen in  $X \Rightarrow A$  be clopen in  $X \Rightarrow f(A)$  is  $rg$ -closed and so  $r$ -closed in  $Y$  [since  $Y$  is  $r-T_{1/2}$ ]  $\Rightarrow g(f(A)) = g^*f(A)$  is closed in  $Z$ . Hence  $g^*f$  is almost slightly semi-closed.

**Theorem 5.11:** If  $f$  is [almost-]slightly  $rg$ -closed;  $g$  is [almost-]semi-closed [[almost-] $r$ -closed] and  $Y$  is  $r-T_{1/2}$ , then  $g^*f$  is [almost-]slightly semi-closed.

**Proof:** Let  $A$  be  $r$ -clopen in  $X \Rightarrow A$  be clopen in  $X \Rightarrow f(A)$  is  $rg$ -closed and so  $r$ -closed in  $Y$  [since  $Y$  is  $r-T_{1/2}$ ]  $\Rightarrow g(f(A)) = g^*f(A)$  is closed in  $Z$ . Hence  $g^*f$  is almost slightly semi-closed.

**Corollary 5.4:** (i) If  $f$  is [almost-]slightly  $rg$ -closed;  $g$  is closed [ $r$ -closed] and  $Y$  is  $r-T_{1/2}$ , then  $g^*f$  is [almost-]slightly semi-closed.

(ii) If  $f$  is [almost-]slightly  $rg$ -closed;  $g$  is [almost-]semi-closed [[almost-] $r$ -closed] and  $Y$  is  $r-T_{1/2}$ , then  $g^*f$  is [almost-]slightly semi-closed.

**Theorem 5.12:** If  $f, g$  be two mappings such that  $g^*f$  is [almost-]slightly semi-closed [[almost-] slightly  $r$ -closed]. Then the following are true

(i) If  $f$  is continuous [ $r$ -continuous] and surjective, then  $g$  is [almost-]slightly semi-closed

(ii) If  $f$  is  $g$ -continuous, surjective and  $X$  is  $T_{1/2}$ , then  $g$  is [almost-]slightly semi-closed

(iii) If  $f$  is  $rg$ -continuous, surjective and  $X$  is  $r-T_{1/2}$ , then  $g$  is [almost-]slightly semi-closed

**Proof:** Let  $A$  be regular clopen in  $Y \Rightarrow A$  be clopen in  $Y \Rightarrow f^{-1}(A)$  is closed in  $X \Rightarrow g^*f(f^{-1}(A)) = g(A)$  is closed in  $Z$ . Hence  $g$  is almost slightly semi-closed.

Similarly we can prove the remaining parts and so omitted.

**Corollary 5.5:** If  $f, g$  be two mappings such that  $g^*f$  is [almost-]slightly semi-closed [[almost-]slightly  $r$ -closed]. Then the following are true

(i) If  $f$  is continuous [ $r$ -continuous] and surjective, then  $g$  is [almost-]slightly semi-closed.

(ii) If  $f$  is  $g$ -continuous, surjective and  $X$  is  $T_{1/2}$ , then  $g$  is [almost-]slightly semi-closed.

(iii) If  $f$  is  $rg$ -continuous, surjective and  $X$  is  $r-T_{1/2}$ , then  $g$  is [almost-]slightly semi-closed.

**Theorem 5.13:** If  $X$  is regular,  $f$  is  $r$ -closed, nearly-continuous, closed surjection and  $\bar{A} = A$  for every closed [ $r$ -closed] set in  $Y$ , then  $Y$  is regular.

**Theorem 5.14:** If  $f$  is [almost-]slightly semi-closed and  $A$  is  $r$ -clopen [clopen] set of  $X$ , then  $f_A$  is [almost-]slightly semi-closed.

**Proof:** For  $F$ ,  $r$ -closed in  $A$ , Then  $F = A \cap E$  is  $r$ -closed in  $X$  for some  $r$ -closed set  $E$  of  $X$  which implies  $f(A)$  is closed in  $Y$ . But  $f(F) = f_A(F)$ . Therefore  $f_A$  is [almost-]slightly semi-closed.

**Theorem 5.15:** If  $f$  is [almost-]slightly semi-closed,  $X$  is  $T_{1/2}$  and  $A$  is  $g$ -closed set of  $X$ , then  $f_A$  is [almost-]slightly semi-closed.

**Corollary 5.6:** If  $f$  is [almost-]slightly-closed,  $X$  is  $T_{1/2}$  and  $A$  is  $g$ -closed set of  $X$ , then  $f_A$  is [almost-]slightly semi-closed.

**Theorem 5.16:** If  $f_i: X_i \rightarrow Y_i$  be [almost-]slightly semi-closed for  $i = 1, 2$ . Let  $f: X_1 \times X_2 \rightarrow Y_1 \times Y_2$  be defined as  $f(x_1, x_2) = (f_1(x_1), f_2(x_2))$ . Then  $f: X_1 \times X_2 \rightarrow Y_1 \times Y_2$  is [almost-]slightly semi-closed.

**Proof:** Let  $U_1 \times U_2 \subset X_1 \times X_2$  where  $U_i \in \text{RCO}(X_i)$  for  $i = 1, 2$ . Then  $f(U_1 \times U_2) = f_1(U_1) \times f_2(U_2)$  a closed set in  $Y_1 \times Y_2$ . Thus  $f(U_1 \times U_2)$  is closed and hence  $f$  is [almost-]slightly semi-closed.

**Corollary 5.7:** If  $f_i: X_i \rightarrow Y_i$  be [almost-]slightly semi-closed for  $i = 1, 2$ . Let  $f: X_1 \times X_2 \rightarrow Y_1 \times Y_2$  be defined as  $f(x_1, x_2) = (f_1(x_1), f_2(x_2))$ . Then  $f: X_1 \times X_2 \rightarrow Y_1 \times Y_2$  is [almost-]slightly semi-closed.

**Theorem 5.17:** Let  $h: X \rightarrow X_1 \times X_2$  be [almost-]slightly semi-closed. Let  $f_i: X \rightarrow X_i$  be defined as  $h(x) = (x_1, x_2)$  and  $f_i(x) = x_i$ . Then  $f_i: X \rightarrow X_i$  is [almost-]slightly semi-closed for  $i = 1, 2$ .

**Proof:** Let  $U_1$  be  $r$ -clopen in  $X_1$ , then  $U_1 \times X_2$  is  $r$ -clopen in  $X_1 \times X_2$ , and  $h(U_1 \times X_2)$  is closed in  $X$ . But  $f_1(U_1) = h(U_1 \times X_2)$ , therefore  $f_1$  is [almost-]slightly semi-closed. Similarly we can show that  $f_2$  is [almost-]slightly semi-closed and thus  $f: X \rightarrow X_i$  is [almost-]slightly semi-closed for  $i = 1, 2$ .

**Corollary 5.8:** Let  $h: X \rightarrow X_1 \times X_2$  be [almost-]slightly semi-closed. Let  $f_i: X \rightarrow X_i$  be defined as  $h(x) = (x_1, x_2)$  and  $f_i(x) = x_i$ . Then  $f_i: X \rightarrow X_i$  is [almost-]slightly semi-closed for  $i = 1, 2$ .

## 6. COVERING AND SEPARATION PROPERTIES OF al.sl.s.c. AND al.swt.s.c. FUNCTIONS

**Theorem 6.1:** If  $f$  is al.sl.s.c.[al.sl.r.c.] surjection and  $X$  is semi-compact, then  $Y$  is compact.

**Proof:** Let  $\{G_i: i \in I\}$  be any  $r$ -clopen cover for  $Y$ . Then each  $G_i$  is  $r$ -clopen in  $Y$  and  $f$  is al.sl.s.c.,  $f^{-1}(G_i)$  is semi-open in  $X$ . Thus  $\{f^{-1}(G_i)\}$  forms a semi-open cover for  $X$  with a finite subcover, since  $X$  is semi-compact. Since  $f$  is surjection,  $Y = f(X) = \bigcup_{i \in I} G_i$ . Therefore  $Y$  is compact.

**Theorem 6.2:** If  $f$  is al.sl.s.c., surjection and  $X$  is semi-compact[semi-Lindeloff] then  $Y$  is mildly compact[mildly lindeloff].

**Proof:** Let  $\{U_i: i \in I\}$  be  $r$ -clopen cover for  $Y$ . For each  $x$  in  $X$ ,  $\exists \alpha_x \in I$  such that  $f(x) \in U_{\alpha_x}$  and  $\exists V_x \in SO(X, x) \ni f(V_x) \subset U_{\alpha_x}$ . Since  $\{V_i: i \in I\}$  is a semi-open cover of  $X$ ,  $\exists$  a finite subset  $I_0$  of  $I$  such that  $X \subset \bigcup_{x \in I_0} V_x$ . Thus  $Y \subset \bigcup_{x \in I_0} \{f(V_x): x \in I_0\} \subset \bigcup_{x \in I_0} U_{\alpha_x}$ . Hence  $Y$  is mildly compact.

**Corollary 6.1:** (i) If  $f$  is al.sl.r.c. surjection and  $X$  is semi-compact, then  $Y$  is compact.

(ii) If  $f$  is al.sl.s.c.[resp: al.sl.r.c.] surjection and  $X$  is locally semi-compact[resp: semi-Lindeloff; locally semi-Lindeloff], then  $Y$  is locally compact[resp: Lindeloff; locally lindeloff; locally mildly compact; locally mildly lindeloff].

(iii) If  $f$  is al.sl.s.c., [resp: al.sl.r.c.] surjection and  $X$  is semi-compact[semi-lindeloff] then  $Y$  is mildly compact[mildly lindeloff].

**Theorem 6.3:** If  $f$  is al.sl.s.c., surjection and  $X$  is  $s$ -closed then  $Y$  is mildly compact[mildly lindeloff].

**Proof:** Let  $\{V_i: V_i \in RCO(Y); i \in I\}$  be a cover of  $Y$ , then  $\{f^{-1}(V_i): i \in I\}$  is semi-open cover of  $X$  and so there is finite subset  $I_0$  of  $I$ , such that  $\{f^{-1}(V_i): i \in I_0\}$  covers  $X$ . Therefore  $\{V_i: i \in I_0\}$  covers  $Y$  since  $f$  is surjection. Hence  $Y$  is mildly compact.

**Theorem 6.4:** If  $f$  is al.sl.s.c., [resp: al.sl.r.c.] surjection and  $X$  is semi-connected, then  $Y$  is connected.

**Proof:** If  $Y$  is disconnected, then  $Y = A \cup B$  where  $A$  and  $B$  are disjoint  $r$ -clopen sets in  $Y$ . Since  $f$  is al.sl.s.c. surjection,  $X = f^{-1}(Y) = f^{-1}(A) \cup f^{-1}(B)$  where  $f^{-1}(A)$  and  $f^{-1}(B)$  are disjoint semi-open sets in  $X$ , which is a contradiction for  $X$  is semi-connected. Hence  $Y$  is connected.

**Corollary 6.2:** (i) If  $f$  is al.sl.c.[resp: al.sl.r.c.] surjection and  $X$  is  $s$ -closed then  $Y$  is mildly compact[mildly lindeloff].

(ii) The inverse image of a disconnected space under a al.sl.s.c., [resp: al.sl.r.c.] surjection is semi-disconnected.

**Theorem 6.5:** If  $f$  is al.sl.s.c.[resp: al.sl.r.c.], injection and  $Y$  is  $UrT_i$ , then  $X$  is  $sT_i$   $i = 0, 1, 2$ .

**Proof:** Let  $x_1 \neq x_2 \in X$ . Then  $f(x_1) \neq f(x_2) \in Y$  since  $f$  is injective. For  $Y$  is  $UrT_2 \exists V_j \in RCO(Y)$  such that  $f(x_j) \in V_j$  and  $V_j \cap V_i = \emptyset$  for  $j = 1, 2$ . By Theorem 3.1,  $x_j \in f^{-1}(V_j) \in SO(X)$  for  $j = 1, 2$  and  $f^{-1}(V_j) \cap f^{-1}(V_i) = \emptyset$  for  $j = 1, 2$ . Thus  $X$  is  $sT_2$ .

**Theorem 6.6:** If  $f$  is al.sl.s.c.[al.sl.r.c.] injection;  $r$ -closed and  $Y$  is  $UrT_i$ , then  $X$  is  $sT_i$   $i = 3, 4$ .

**Proof:** (i) Let  $x$  in  $X$  and  $F$  be disjoint  $r$ -closed subset of  $X$  not containing  $x$ , then  $f(x)$  and  $f(F)$  be disjoint  $r$ -closed subset of  $Y$  not containing  $f(x)$ , since  $f$  is  $r$ -closed and injection. Since  $Y$  is ultraregular,  $f(x)$  and  $f(F)$  are separated by disjoint  $r$ -clopen sets  $U$  and  $V$  respectively. Hence  $x \in f^{-1}(U)$ ;  $F \subseteq f^{-1}(V)$ ;  $f^{-1}(U)$ ;  $f^{-1}(V) \in SO(X)$  and  $f^{-1}(U) \cap f^{-1}(V) = \emptyset$ . Thus  $X$  is  $sT_3$ .

(ii) Let  $F_j$  and  $f(F_j)$  are disjoint  $r$ -closed sets in  $X$  and  $Y$  respectively for  $j = 1, 2$ , since  $f$  is  $r$ -closed and injection. For  $Y$  is ultranormal,  $f(F_j)$  are separated by disjoint  $r$ -clopen sets  $V_j$  respectively for  $j = 1, 2$ . Hence  $F_j \subseteq f^{-1}(V_j)$  and  $f^{-1}(V_j) \in SO(X)$  and  $f^{-1}(V_j) \cap f^{-1}(V_i) = \emptyset$  for  $j = 1, 2$ . Thus  $X$  is  $sT_4$ .

**Theorem 6.7:** If  $f$  is al.sl.s.c.[resp: al.sl.r.c.], injection and

(i)  $Y$  is  $UrC_i$ [resp:  $UrD_i$ ] then  $X$  is  $sC_i$ [resp:  $sD_i$ ]  $i = 0, 1, 2$ .

(ii)  $Y$  is  $UrR_i$ , then  $X$  is  $sR_i$   $i = 0, 1$ .

**Theorem 6.8:** If  $f$  is al.sl.s.c.[al.sl.r.c.] and  $Y$  is  $UrT_2$ , then the graph  $G(f)$  is semi-closed in  $X \times Y$ .

**Proof:** Let  $(x_1, x_2) \in G(f)$  implies  $y \neq f(x)$  implies  $\exists$  disjoint  $V_j \in RCO(Y)$  such that  $f(x_j) \in V_j$  and  $y \in W$ . Since  $f$  is al.sl.s.c.,  $\exists U \in SO(X)$  such that  $x \in U$  and  $f(U) \subset W$  and  $(x, y) \in U \times V \subset X \times Y - G(f)$ . Hence  $G(f)$  is semi-closed in  $X \times Y$ .

**Theorem 6.9:** If  $f$  is al.sl.s.c.[al.sl.r.c.] and  $Y$  is  $UrT_2$ , then  $A = \{(x_1, x_2) | f(x_1) = f(x_2)\}$  is semi-closed in  $X \times X$ .

**Proof:** If  $(x_1, x_2) \in X \times X - A$ , then  $f(x_1) \neq f(x_2)$  implies  $\exists$  disjoint  $V_j \in RCO(Y)$  such that  $f(x_j) \in V_j$ , and since  $f$  is al.sl.s.c.,  $f^{-1}(V_j) \in SO(X, x_j)$  for  $j = 1, 2$ . Thus  $(x_1, x_2) \in f^{-1}(V_1) \times f^{-1}(V_2) \in SO(X \times X)$  and  $f^{-1}(V_1) \times f^{-1}(V_2) \subset X \times X - A$ . Hence  $A$  is semi-closed.

**Theorem 6.10:** If  $f$  is al.sl.r.c.[resp: al.sl.s.c.];  $g: X \rightarrow Y$  is al.sl.c.[resp: al.sl.r.c.]; and  $Y$  is  $UrT_2$ , then  $E = \{x \in X : f(x) = g(x)\}$  is semi-closed in  $X$ .

We have the following consequences of theorems 6.1 to 6.10:

**Theorem 6.11:** If  $f$  is al.swt.s.c.[resp: al.swt.r.c.] surjection and  $X$  is semi-compact, then  $Y$  is compact.

**Theorem 6.12:** If  $f$  is al.swt.s.c., surjection and  $X$  is semi-compact[semi-Lindeloff] then  $Y$  is mildly compact[mildly lindeloff].

**Corollary 6.3:** (i) If  $f$  is al.swt.r.c. surjection and  $X$  is semi-compact, then  $Y$  is compact.

(ii) If  $f$  is al.swt.s.c.[resp: al.swt.r.c.] surjection and  $X$  is semi-compact[semi-Lindeloff] then  $Y$  is mildly compact[mildly lindeloff].

(iii) If  $f$  is al.swt.s.c.[resp: al.swt.r.c.] surjection and  $X$  is locally semi-compact[resp: semi-Lindeloff; locally semi-Lindeloff], then  $Y$  is locally compact[resp: Lindeloff; locally lindeloff; locally mildly compact; locally mildly lindeloff].

**Theorem 6.13:** If  $f$  is al.swt.s.c., surjection and  $X$  is  $s$ -closed then  $Y$  is mildly compact[mildly lindeloff].

**Theorem 6.14:** If  $f$  is al.swt.s.c., [al.swt.r.c.] surjection and  $X$  is semi-connected, then  $Y$  is connected.



**Corollary 6.4:** (i) If  $f$  is al.swt.c.[resp: al.swt.r.c.] surjection and  $X$  is  $s$ -closed then  $Y$  is mildly compact[mildly lindeloff].  
(ii) The inverse image of a disconnected space under an al.swt.s.c.,[resp: al.swt.r.c.;] surjection is semi-disconnected.

**Theorem 6.15:** (i) If  $f$  is al.swt.s.c.[al.swt.r.c.], injection and  $Y$  is  $UrT_i$ , then  $X$  is  $sT_i$   $i = 0, 1, 2$ .  
(ii) If  $f$  is al.swt.s.c.[resp: al.swt.r.c.] injection;  $r$ -closed and  $Y$  is  $UrT_i$ , then  $X$  is  $sT_i$   $i = 3, 4$ .

**Theorem 6.16:** If  $f$  is al.swt.s.c.[resp: al.swt.r.c.;], injection and  
(i)  $Y$  is  $UrC_i$ [resp:  $UrD_i$ ] then  $X$  is  $sC_i$ [resp:  $sD_i$ ]  $i = 0, 1, 2$ .  
(ii)  $A = \{UrR_i\}$ , then  $X$  is  $sR_i$   $i = 0, 1$ .

**Theorem 6.17:** If  $f$  is al.swt.s.c.[resp: al.swt.r.c] and  $Y$  is  $UrT_2$ , then  
(i) the graph  $G(f)$  of  $f$  is semi-closed in the product space  $X \times Y$ .  
(ii)  $A = \{(x_1, x_2) | f(x_1) = f(x_2)\}$  is semi-closed in the product space  $X \times X$ .

**Theorem 6.18:** If  $f$  is al.swt.r.c.[resp: al.swt.s.c.];  $g: X \rightarrow Y$  is al.swt.c[resp: al.swt.r.c]; and  $Y$  is  $UrT_2$ , then  $E = \{x \text{ in } X : f(x) = g(x)\}$  is semi-closed in  $X$ .

## 7. CONCLUSION

In this paper we introduced the concept of almost slightly semi-continuous functions, almost somewhat semi-continuous functions, somewhat semi-open mappings, slightly semi-open mappings, almost slightly semi-open mappings, slightly semi-closed mappings, almost slightly semi-closed mappings, studied their basic properties and the interrelationship between other such maps.

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